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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Election of officers

It is suggested that the Ad Hoc Working Group elect a Chairman, 5 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, in accordance with rules 18 and 19 of the rules of procedure of the Main Committees of the Board. Accordingly, in order to ensure equitable geographical balance, the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group shall consist of 7 members, including 4 members from Groups A and C combined, 2 members from Group B and 1 member from Group D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995(XIX) as amended.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the first session was approved at the monthly consultations of the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD with representatives of member States on 16 June 1994.

The Group has five days available. It is, therefore, suggested that the first plenary meeting, on 28 August, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2) and to introductory statements. Subsequent meetings (i.e. from the afternoon of Monday 28 August to the close of the afternoon meeting on Thursday 31 August) could be devoted to the consideration of trading opportunities arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements (item 3) and modalities to give effect to the decision on special provisions for least developed countries (item 4). The closing plenary meeting, on 1 September, could be devoted to action on items 3 and 4, and to items 5, 6 and 7.

Item 3. Identification of new trading opportunities arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements in selected sectors and markets

The report on this item analyzes the trading opportunities for developing countries arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements in key areas such as agriculture, textiles and clothing and other industrial products, and identifies some issues requiring further attention.

Documentation

TD/B/WG.8/2 An analysis of trading opportunities resulting from the Uruguay Round in selected sectors: agriculture, textiles and clothing, and other industrial products - report by the UNCTAD secretariat

TD/B/WG.8/2/Add.1 An analysis of trading opportunities resulting from the Uruguay Round in selected sectors: agriculture, textiles and clothing, and other industrial products - statistical annex

Item 4. Analysis of the modalities to give effect to the decision on special provisions for least developed countries as contained in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round

The report on this item provides an overview of some of the expected transitional effects of trade liberalization on LDCs, discusses the various provisions in favour of LDCs contained in the Uruguay Round Agreements, and identifies policy measures for translating the modalities envisaged in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round into concrete action, including a package of "safety net" measures.

Documentation

TD/B/WG.8/3 Translating Uruguay Round special provisions for least developed countries into concrete action: issues and policy requirements - report by the UNCTAD secretariat

TD/B/WG.8/3/Add.1 Translating Uruguay Round special provisions for least developed countries into concrete action: issues and policy requirements - statistical annex

Item 5. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group

A draft provisional agenda for the second session of the Working Group will be submitted in the light of the discussions at this session.

Item 6. Other business

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Trade and Development Board